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TRAINING TO SOLDIERS ON BOMB DISPOSAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centres providing training to the soldiers in regard to bomb disposal in the country as on date place-wise;

(b) whether the remains of the exploded bombs are pilfered from these centres;

(c) whether the Government has suffered loss to the tune of crores of rupees owing to certain incidents of thefts in these centres during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of deaths caused in the process; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check this theft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Elementary training on bomb disposal and on countering improvised explosive devices is conducted at the Engineering Training Centres located at Bangalore, Roorkee and Kirkee (Pune). Specialised training on bomb disposal and on neutralizing unexploded bombs is conducted at College of Military Engineering, Pune.

(b) to (e): This training is being conducted on cut-models and dummies only. No unexploded bombs are transported to or stored in these training establishments. Hence, the question of pilferage does not arise. No death has taken place at these centres.